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Dear Nursing Facility Provider and Billing Staff:

The Michigan Department of Community Health responded to the Nursing Facility industry request for additional time to work with software vendors and to successfully complete provider acceptance testing (PAT) process. The purpose of this correspondence is to serve as a reminder that the October 1, 2002 date for conversion to the national claim formats (UB-92 and ASC X12N 837) was delayed until January 1, 2003. Provider Acceptance Testing (PAT) was extended through November 30, 2002. This is a "reminder" to complete PAT before the deadline. Medicaid has not received an increase in PAT claims since the request was granted to delay implementation. It is essential that each facility submit test claims before the testing deadline of November 30, 2002.

Please ensure that your billing staff has reviewed the Medicaid Policy Bulletin Nursing Facilities 02-02 dated July 1, 2002 and Nursing Facilities 02-04 dated September 30, 2002 for further detail pertaining to the delay. This also serves as a reminder only the implementation of the claim format was delayed and all policy changes noted in the bulletin are clarified further in the 02-04 bulletin.

Since the announcement of the change in implementation and testing dates was made in September, there has been minimal test activity, which alerts us to concerns specific to successful transition. Medicaid wishes to successfully partner with you and is concerned that there has been little increase in PAT claims. Additional training was provided and plans are underway to provide future additional training sessions to be made available to you in the near future.

Medicaid is concerned with timely testing and wish to support you in the test process. We are unable to assist you in correctly completing the new claim formats unless we receive test claims from you. It is important that you share this information with individuals who file your Nursing Facility claims. If your biller staff has not already participated in PAT, we encourage you to do so.

Please feel free to call with any additional questions or concerns regarding provider testing, the following:
Vicki Huff; (517) 241-8626 or e-mail: huffv@michigan.gov or Jill Forbes at (517) 335-0015 or email: ForbesJ@michigan.gov.

Medicaid is preparing for additional UB training sessions and registration information will be released as soon as it is available to us. Our goal is to help you and your billing staff responsible to prepare for conversion to standard UB claim format to have successful transition experience.

Cordially,

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